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On January 10 the British steamship *Kweilin*, with 61 crew, en route from Amboy to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine detention.

Week ended January 20, 1906: Plague, 1 case, 1 death; cholera, 3 cases, 3 deaths.

Cholera.

There is a gradual increase in the number of cases of cholera reported from the provinces. Many cases of the disease are occurring among the fishermen and others who are employed upon the small craft which ply between the upper end of Manila Bay and the numerous rivers which lead into it from Bulacan and Pampanga provinces. The infected territory is lowland and marshy. The villages are built along the banks of the rivers upon insanitary sites. If there is any considerable increase in the number of cases, the direct drainage into the rivers will no doubt soon infect them and then a more serious epidemic is to be expected. From the foregoing it may be seen that the eradication of the disease will be exceedingly difficult, and under the most favorable circumstances a number of months will probably elapse before the disease can be checked in these provinces.

Cholera in the provinces, week ended January 20, 1906: 215 cases, 154 deaths.

Vessels were granted bills of health during the week as follows:

On January 16 the British steamship *Kaifong*, with 66 crew, en route from Amoy to Iloilo and Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine and inspection at Mariveles.

On January 17 the British steamship *Atholl*, with 46 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Persons on board inspected at hour of sailing. Cargo passed and certified, 5,981 packages.

On January 18 the American schooner *David Erans*, with 10 crew, entered 5 days' quarantine observation prior to departure for Port Townsend.

On January 19 the British steamship *Chingtu*, with 70 crew and 1 passenger, en route from Yokohama to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine and inspection at Mariveles.

Quarantine transactions of the service in the Philippine Islands during the month of December, 1905.

Port of Manila.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—		
United States ports		6
Foreign ports		35
Domestic ports		150
To sailing vessels for—		
United States ports		1
Foreign ports		0
Domestic ports		69
Total		261
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